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MONTHLY PROJECT STATUS REPORT
FOR MONTH OF
January 1952

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 CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
 SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3020
 NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT

1. CRYPTONYM BQFIEND	2. DIVISION OR BRANCH SE/16/1	3. COUNTRY(S) Albania	DATE 2007	4. ESTIMATED COMPLETION PERCENT DATE
5. PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ECONOMIC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARAMILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SUPPORT				
6. FINANCIAL MECHANISM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIRECT <input type="checkbox"/> SUBSIDY <input type="checkbox"/> PROPRIETARY <input type="checkbox"/> PURCHASE OF SERVICES				
7. PHASE <input type="checkbox"/> PLANNING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OPERATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> LIQUIDATING <input type="checkbox"/> TERMINATED				
8. FUNDING				
FY ALLOTMENTS TOTAL TO DATE	OBLIGATIONS CURRENT MONTH	FY OBLIGATIONS CUMUL. TO DATE	UNOBLIGATED BALANCE	
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9. NAME OF CASE OFFICER	ROOM NO. 2105-K	EXTENSION 671-2	SIGNATURE	
10. FACTS, EVALUATION, COMMENT: (Use additional plain sheet if necessary)				

A. Mission

See Sections II and III, Part II of the "Country Plan for Albania" for a discussion of the cold war mission and tasks.

B. Accomplishments**(1) Paramilitary**

a. Several attempts to infiltrate a four-man team into the area of Korce in Southeastern Albania were unsuccessful due to heavy snows in the area. The mission of this team was to determine the reaction to the first BQFIEND propaganda supply drop at Korce on 19 December 1951. It was decided to postpone the infiltration of this team until early spring and the advent of favorable weather conditions.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Current no.</u>	<u>Previous no.</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
Teams	0	0	9
Infiltrates	0	0	39
Exfiltrates	0	4	12
Defected to Yugoslavia	0	0	6
Captured	0	0	4
Killed	0	0	6
Status Unknown	3	3	3

* The sum of [] arms and ammo is contained within these figures.

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b. Exfiltration - A secret ink letter has recently been received from the four-man team that has been operating in the area of Kukes in northern Albania during the summer and fall of 1951. The letter advises that all four members of the team are wintering in Prizren, Yugoslavia and intend to reenter Albania in the spring. They requested, and are being sent, food parcels and money to sustain them during the remainder of their stay in Yugoslavia. Because of weather conditions it will be impossible to send a contact mission to this team until spring.

c. One three-man team dropped in West Central Albania last October has not yet been heard from.

d. No supply drops were attempted during the month of January.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Current No.</u>	<u>Previous no.</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
Supply Missions	0	0	13
Supply missions successful	0	0	4
Total Weight	0	0	4 tons

(2) Political

a. Psychological warfare - The Voice of Free Albania, the BOFIEND clandestine radio station near Athens, is continuing to pursue its daily broadcasting schedule.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Current no.</u>	<u>Previous no.</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
Broadcast Days	31	31	135

b. Publications - The first edition of the NCFA semi-monthly newspaper Shqipëria printed in Rome was published on the first of January.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Current no.</u>	<u>Previous no.</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
Shqipëria (issues)	2	2	33

c. The third issue of the NCFA newsletter, published on the fifth of January, contained a plea to Greece, Yugoslavia, and Italy to pledge their agreement in principle to an independent Albania. This item received considerable attention in the Western press. The newsletter is published irregularly in English, French and Italian.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Current no.</u>	<u>Previous no.</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
Newsletter	1	1	3

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d. The second propaganda supply drop was effected on the night of 21 January over northern Albania. The towns of Scutari, Kukes, Buttel, and Tirana were among the targets. Supplies included nine hundred cans of scarce consumer goods and 250 bags containing one pound of flour each.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Current no.</u>	<u>Previous no.</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
Prop/Supply Cans	900	800	1700
Flour Bags	250	500	750

e. A leaflet drop mission scheduled for this month was combined with the Propaganda Supply drop discussed in sub-paragraph h above due to poor weather conditions over the target country during this month. 208,000 double cartoon leaflets and 5,000 copies of Shqipëria were distributed. An additional joint Propaganda Supply and Leaflet drop is planned for the southern part of Albania as soon as weather permits.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Current no.</u>	<u>Previous no.</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
Leaflet	213,000	0	3,713,000

f. Political Developments - Ishan Teptani, a member of the General Committee of the NOFA attended a meeting of the European movement which convened on the 20th of January in London.

g. Intelligence - The League of Albanian Political Exiles in Yugoslavia formed at Prizren on 10 May 1951 is reported to have begun dissemination of a new Publication, "Flag of Freedom" which has the apparent policy of supporting the Albanian people in their struggle against the tyranny of the Hoxha government.

(3) Economic

No report

(4) Support

a. Training - The assignment of Ibrahim Kelmendi and Adem Selimi to the ZRELOPE school in the United States was cancelled at the last minute. The cancellation resulted from the inability of the members of the NOFA to agree on the final selection of these two individuals.

b. Recruiting

1. An Albanian border guide has been recruited as a support agent for future overland infiltrations.

2. The British SS has offered to provide BGFIEND with three w/T students whose training is said to be three-quarters completed. Action is under way to test the physical and mental capabilities of the three British trainees. If it is determined they are properly qualified, the

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British offer will be accepted and training will be completed at the covert W/T training school in Germany.

3. The ZRELOPE recruitment staff has been advised of BGFIEND's 1952 requirements and is providing necessary support to the project.

c. Disposal - Twenty Albanian graduates of the covert training school that were being held in Athens were returned to the Guard Company on 16 January. This disposal action was taken in an effort to increase the security of future FIEND infiltration operations.

d. Administration [] present BGFIEND Deputy Project Chief [] is now in Washington for reassignment to BGCONVOY as Project Chief []

C. Reactions

No report

D. Conclusions

The operations of BGFIEND progressed routinely during the month. While progress was registered in the political and psychological warfare fields, agents operations were slowed by winter conditions.

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